

that he had cleaned and spruced up, which had its effect; he gave £9,000 for it five years ago, and has taken away twenty of his best negroes.

The rainy season continues dreadfully; yesterday our river overflowed a vast tract of country.

I am convinced there is danger in acquiring property here for many years to come. I regret *I* did not find a spot nearer the town for my grant, because gardening is the most lucrative of all trades, when the carriage of fruit and vegetables to market does not sink the profits. *I* am told an acre of land produces £1,000 a year to Dr. O'Meara, who has a neat garden of a less size in the skirts of the town; it may, however, not be so salubrious.

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I have just returned from a three days* excursion to the heart of the island, in company with the new governor, Colonel Fullarton, Mrs. Fullarton, and suite. Our object was to attend the Feast of St. Paul's Conversion, at Orima, the

settlement of the Indians. We set out
at day-
break, on Monday; the Fullartons in
their sociable,